

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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### **MORE JOBS PROGRAM**

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion (MORE) Jobs Program was established in an economic stimulus bill that was signed into law by Governor Romney on June 24, 2006 (Chapter 123 of the Acts of 2006).

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Program provides grant funding to help finance the infrastructure that is often necessary to attract and support growing businesses. In total, \$100 million is available for grants to qualifying projects. Grants must be used for infrastructure improvements, such as water and sewer connections, roadway enhancements, and utility upgrades.

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

In order to receive a grant, a city or town and a for-profit business entity must jointly submit an application to the Secretary of Economic Development. Applications will be reviewed by an advisory committee on a competitive basis, and grants will be awarded quarterly.

#### **WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?**

In order to be eligible for a grant, the business associated with a project must:

- Generate substantial sales from outside the Commonwealth;
- Create at least 100 new permanent full-time jobs in Massachusetts within 24 months; and
- Maintain the newly created jobs for at least 5-years.

Applications must document local support, as well as include specific information on the proposed project and the expected economic benefits.

#### **TIMELINE**

Guidelines and applications will be available on our website ([www.mass.gov/Bizteam](http://www.mass.gov/Bizteam)) in late October. Round one “eligibility applications” will be due in late November and finalists will be announced in late December. We expect that final applications will be reviewed and awards announced in the first quarter of 2007.

#### **QUESTIONS?**

For more information, or to request an application, please contact us at [MOREJobs@state.ma.us](mailto:MOREJobs@state.ma.us)

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